



Chris Vaughn on stage at the Famous Rock Bar, The Saint, in Asbury Park, New Jersey and pictured [uncredited] with Clarence Clemons' Son, Nick Clemons. on stage at Bar Anticipation, in Belmar, NJ - See Below.

# Holiday Extravaganza Opens At Monmouth University

He was an accomplished theatrical pro when he was barely out of his teens — not just a legend in his native Monmouth County, but a Broadway veteran of such smash hits as “A Chorus Line” and “42nd Street.”

Still, David L.V. Mearns didn't stop at being an actor, a singer and a dancer — he was also a writer, a director, a producer

and an impresario who operated his own playhouse in Red Bank. As an executive at the Coast Radio Theatre, he presented the world premiere of his original musical *Transatlantic* — and in 1996, he hoisted his way into the Guinness Book of World Records as the global champion of long-distance tap dancing.

On Dec. 11 at 4 p.m. he will produce

“Deck the Halls” at Monmouth University. He returns to the Pollak Theatre with a company of 40 singers, dancers and musicians, in the debut of the never-before-seen holiday extravaganza.

The first of two Mearns musical productions to be staged at Monmouth University in the 2011-2012 season, “Deck the Halls” presents Mearns and a formidable troupe of friends in a revue that

offers a fresh look at many of the most beloved holiday standards — with colorful costumes and the live Royale Orchestra adding to the festive atmosphere.

Preceding over the show like Santa at his workshop will be Mearns the master entertainer — singing, emceeing, and (if courses tapping it a way that suggests the word “retirement” might soon be retired from his vocabulary.



David Mearns is producing “Deck the Halls” at Monmouth University in West Long Branch at 4 p.m. Dec. 11.



Courtesy Photo by John Cavanaugh

## Celebrating Clarence Clemens Songs Release

The Nick Clemens Band performed at the Wonder Bar in Ashbury Park Nov. 18. The band was celebrating the Clarence Clemens Christmas Songs Record Release with the Bob Polking Band and Lisa Blasco-Nick Clemens is the son of E Street Band member Clarence Clemens who died in June.



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